

Unit 3: Establishing a New Nation

Readings:

Pageant: Chapters 9-10
Conflict and Consensus, vol. 1,
Handouts

Themes:

Impact of colonial experience on post-independence government
Development of the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights
The emergence of political parties and the factors that divided them
The development of sectional specialization and interdependence
The conflict between national power and states' rights

Content:

Government under the Articles of Confederation-Successes and failures
Constitutional Convention

- Personalities
- Compromises
- Controversies
- Ratification

Hamilton v. Jefferson

British-French conflict and its impact on American politics

- Trade
- Diplomacy
- Alien and Sedition Acts

Assignments:

- Prepare an annotated timeline of this unit as you study each day. Include dates, people, events, acts, etc. Due on the day of the Unit Exam.
- Complete the activity following sheets:
 - Chapter 9
 - The Articles of Confederation-The Challenge of Sovereignty
 - The Constitution-Balancing Competing Interests
 - Simulation-Virginia Ratification Debate
 - Chapter 10
 - Foundations of American Foreign Policy
 - The Development of Political Parties
- **DBQ: Articles of Confederation**

Classes:

1. Articles of Confederation
 - *Pageant:* Chapter 9
 - “The Articles of Confederation-The Challenge of Sovereignty”
2. Constitutional Convention; The Constitution
 - *Pageant:* Chapter 9
 - “The Constitution-Balancing Competing Interests”
3. Simulation-Virginia Ratification Debate (option) Information provided
4. Washington’s Presidency; Hamilton’s Financial Plan
 - *Pageant:* Chapter 10
 - Debate: The Development of Political Parties-Jeffersonians vs. Hamiltonians Chapter 10
5. Foreign Affairs Under Washington and Adams
 - *Pageant:* Chapter 10
 - Foundations of American Foreign Policy
6. Alien and Sedition Acts; Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions
 - *Pageant:* Chapter 10
 - Trial
7. Unit 3 Exam and DBQ: *The Articles of Confederation*